

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: IMMOBILIZATION OF UNMODIFIED
BIOPOLYMERS TO ACYL FLUORIDE
ACTIVATED SUBSTRATES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action in the present application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the text of claim 41 with the following text:

- ✓ 41. The method of claim 39, wherein the complex comprises the ligand and the protein, and the complex is formed by the binding of the ligand to the receptor.

Please replace the text of claim 71 with the following text:

- ✓ 71. The device of claim 69, wherein the biopolymers are the same or different.

Please add new claim 72 as follows:

- A, --72. The method of claim 40, wherein the complex comprises the ligand and the protein, and the complex is formed by the binding of the ligand to the receptor.--